

REPORT / RECOMMENDATION



To: Edina Transportation Commission

Agenda Item #: VI. A.

From: Mark K. Nolan, AICP, Transportation Planner

Action ☐

Discussion ☒

Date: August 21, 2014

Information ☒

Subject: 2015 Valley View Road Reconstruction Update

Action Requested:

No action requested.

Information / Background:

The City is working with WSB & Associates on the planning phase for roadway and sidewalk improvements on approximately 1/2-mile of Valley View Road, from McCauley Trail to Mark Terrace Drive. This portion of Valley View Road is a state-aid roadway; thus, state aid funds cover 80% of roadway costs and the design must comply with state minimum standards. An informational meeting regarding the project was held with residents on July 7.

Please note that the proposed project layout includes two 11-foot travel lanes, two 5-foot bike lanes (Valley View Road is a "primary bike route" in the City's Comprehensive Bicycle Plan), a 3-foot boulevard and a 5-foot sidewalk. This street is designated a collector roadway, which according to the current draft of the Living Streets Plan requires a sidewalk on at least one side of the road. A sidewalk on Valley View Road is also included in the 2008 Comprehensive Plan.

Additionally, a roundabout is included for the Valley View Road/Braemar Road intersection to reduce confusion and eliminate the need for a large curve or a variance from MnDOT. In order to minimize impacts of the curve at Comanche Court (e.g. to keep the curve radius small), a State-Aid Variance will be applied for, since it only meets a 25 mph design speed instead of the required 30 mph.

WSB & Associates will present to provide the ETC with an update on the project, and to present a preliminary project layout. Staff and the consultant are requesting that commissioners review and provide feedback on the proposed project layout.

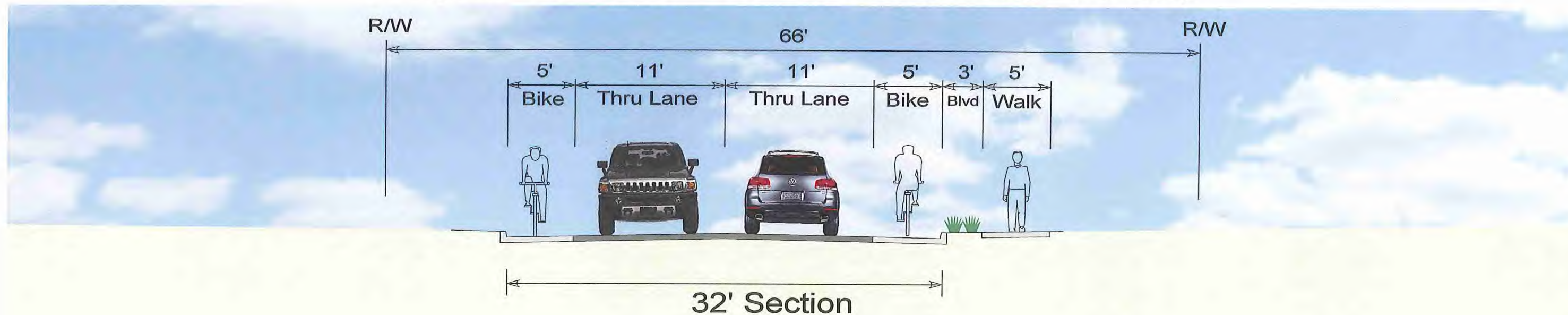
Attachments:

Map: Valley View Road Improvements Project Layout

Valley View Road Improvements: Typical Cross Sections

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Proposed 2 Lane Section with Bike Lanes (Looking Eastbound)



Existing 2 Lane Section with Parking (Looking Eastbound)

